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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Kazuhiro OBAE et al.

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For: FUNCTIONAL STARCH POWDER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows: